

FRIEND WIFE BUTTED IN AND CHANGED THE TIME OF STARTING GAMES IN WASHINGTON

JOHNNY EVERS REPORTED GOING BACK TO CUB FOLD TO ASSIST FRED MITCHELL IN DIRE NEED

Drafting of Alex and Killefer and Illness of Knabe Require Urgent Services of Brainy Lieutenant—Miracle Year Recalled

THERE always is another guess coming when Johnny Evers starts or is mixed up in something. Johnny jumped this season from the National to the American after sixteen years of hectic service in the older organization, and now he threatens to jump back and to resume activities with his first and dearest to go, the Chicago Cubs.

The Troy terror was a free agent this season. Allowed to flit from Boston to Philadelphia last season, he became at the end of the season a free agent. He could do as he pleased, and whether from choice or necessity he caught on with the Boston Red Sox and was expected to prove of great aid to Barrow this year in injecting fighting spirit and in giving some coherency to the scrambled situation at Beantown brought about by the loss of many stars and the securing of a bunch of swell fillers from Connie Mack.

But Johnny quarreled with Barrow in no time and was allowed to step aside. The next development was the report that the Nervous One had been offered a chance to manage Jersey City in the proposed new International, but as no mention was made of anybody expected to manage Evers the rumor was not widely credited.

Mitchell no doubt feels, in the first place, perhaps, that both he and Evers were chiefly responsible for Stallings's miracle year. He thinks, it may be, that Johnny still has the same stuff in stock and could aid him in coming through with the miraculous role when a long chance on the season must be taken. And also possibly, he figures that Johnny still would be a big drawing card in the stock-yard district, where he made his great original reputation.

ONE thing is certain, and that is that Johnny would not be lost in the draft. Even if the age limit were extended, the fiery Mr. Evers could hardly be pushed past the examiners, for he has had more injuries than any other person known.

Time of Starting Games Changed in Washington

ALREADY late starting of ball games has run afoul of the family arrangements and has been changed in one instance to meet household demands. A protest from wives, sweethearts and cooks, coupled with an extra-training bout, has caused the Washington management to reconstruct playing time and run up time of starting from 4:30 to 4.

The situation in Washington is described as follows: "The foxy Griff figured that with the assistance of new phony time he would be able, by starting his games at 4:30, to draw the patronage of thousands of Government employes who quit with the 4 o'clock whistle. It was his intention, about May 15, to start the games at 5 o'clock, thus bringing in a great many would-be fans who can't get away from their daily toil until 4:30.

"The test arrived when the Senators and Yankees were chewing at each other for twelve innings. When the last gun was fired and the New Yorkers staggered off the field with an 8-to-7 victory there were stars twinkling down on the battle-scarred diamond and the clock in the steeple was preparing to strike eight bells.

"And this wasn't all. Outside the gates there were irate wives waiting to drag belated husbands home by the hair of the head. Those who were likely enough to get any dinner at all had to be satisfied with cold stuff with a lot of hard looks on the side.

"Evening baseball may be very good for the coffers of the Washington club, but it will never make much of a hit with friendly wife.

"AND if she gets sore on the game there is every likelihood that a hubby may delete it as one of his outdoor pastimes."

Soldiers to Have Athletic Goods Kits

THE latest thing for soldier boys heading toward northern France is the old kit bag with the athletic variety. Each company is to have a special box of supplies as a part of the regular military equipment, the same to be provided by the athletic division of the War Department commission on training camp activities. The boxes will contain one dozen baseballs, four baseball bats, one catcher's chest protector, mask and mitt; one first baseman's glove, six playground balls, two playground bats, four soccer balls, two footballs and extra bladders, one mending outfit, two volley balls, ten sets of boxing gloves, one medicine ball and one basketball.

In furnishing the boxes the training camp commission is endeavoring to supply the men with equipment for such sports as baseball, football, soccer and boxing, which it is encouraging particularly in the training camps because of their military as well as recreational value. Nearly 600 boxes already have been sent to units here and abroad.

Lame-Arm Epidemic Already Is Prevalent

THE enforced day of rest just at the start of the playing season was welcomed by many managers in this part of the country, the reason being that pitchers generally were in a bad way and that extra exertions were not to be thought of. Nearly all teams have been sufferers in the pitching department either from training camp activities or opening games.

The Phillies were in no shape to get into the harness Thursday, pitching material in good shape being painfully absent. The Yankee management has had its bumps and has sent out a general S.O.S. It is said that Huggins is so pushed for hurling material that he has jumped into the market for George Foster, whom the Red Sox tried to swap to Christy Mathewson for Dave Shean, but who has developed a strong holdout.

McGraw has been especially hard hit, and if it had not been for Anderson and Barnes the Giants would have been on the rocks for fair. Some more evidence of the fact that McGraw was sweet on Barnes and determined to have him at any cost. Tereau, Sallee, Benton and Schupp all are in bad condition. As a result of this situation McGraw already has delivered a howl over the shortness of the training season, and in this protest he will have much support in the light of general pitching lameness at this time.

College Athletes So Eager, Pay Own Way

SOME time ago the Cornell athletic association announced that because of the low condition of the exchequer it would be unable to send any representatives to the Pennsylvania carnival. However, this announcement has made some of the athletes all the more determined to be among those present on Franklin Field. They have entered on their own account—and "account" is used advisedly, for the men are to pay their own way. It is quite certain that at least half a dozen Cornell athletes will come to Philadelphia on that arrangement. Felter, the pole-vaulter, and Smith and Elmer, hurdlers, already have declared that they would positively come, and an effort is being made to get a relay four to make the trip on its own expense.

This looks like a precedent, states Daniel in the New York Sun, who concludes: "Last year Jones and Hamby, of Penn State, could get no appropriation to make the trip to Franklin Field to compete in the pentathlon, so they hopped a freight at State College and arrived on the field just before their event was started. In spite of the handicap of having had to step on the hard floor of a 'sidedoor Pullman,' Jones finished second to Howard Berry and Hamby was third."

Marsans May Lose Out if He Reports

ARMANDO MARSANS, the dashing Cuban outfielder, seems either paragonically self-opinionated or indifferent to his baseball future. The Cuban gardener, whose leg was broken shortly after he came from St. Louis last summer, promised to report to Huggins at Washington last Monday. He is still strangely missing and has sent no word to the club's headquarters. Meanwhile, Elmer Miller continues to deliver in major league center field. At his best Marsans will have a hard time of it in coming this youngster, unless the latter takes a decided slump. The chances of Marsans is out so vital an issue as it appeared when the club's manager was so sure of him. As a matter of fact, Huggins is not so worried over his loss as he once was, and he is over the failure of Eddie Plank to make up his mind.

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THE CONVALESCENT



LEAGUE LEADERS GOT EARLY START

Favorable Spring Training Shown in Lead of Giants and Red Sox

NEITHER HAS LOST GAME

The value of spring training under favorable conditions never was more aptly shown in baseball than since the present season opened.

Today the Giants and Red Sox stand at the heads of the two major leagues, the former with three victories and no defeats, the latter with a straight run of five games won and no losses.

Great pitchers were in hot springs starting things along before the rest of the team appeared at Marlin Springs. The Red Sox started with the others, for the most part, but were favored with good weather early in the training season and were worked hard. The effects of this sort of training are now cropping out.

The White Sox were in miserable luck during their training and the team now is only about half ready for the hard fight that looms before it. Today the world champions were scheduled to meet the Detroit Tigers, a team which has shown unusual pitching strength recently. It should be possible to get a more definite line on the Comiskey crew after the Tigers have looked them over.

Will Play at Camp Dix

The Civil Accounting baseball team of the Philadelphia Navy Yard will make its public debut on Sunday, when it journeys to Camp Dix to play Colonel W. C. Johnson's proteges. This game marks the opening of the season for the two teams, also the first appearance of Bob Hawkey and V. J. Schwert, the New York pitcher and his arm were important representatives of Uncle Sam. President Baker of the Phillies, has finally arranged for an exhibition game with the Accounting team.

FRANK BAKER STARTS SEASON LIKE WELL-KNOWN HOUSE AFIRE

Maryland Mauler Whales Out Two Victories for Yanks in First Three Games of the Season

MILLER HUGGINS may have stumbled into some of the old-time trouble epidemic that has chased Yankee teams for years. His twirling department already has blown up with a loud report and he has been having his out-field problem with Marsans counted on as a regular, mysteriously missing. Both pitcher and coach, he has had a great deal of these defects may be healed if a real pitcher and coach like Eddie Plank can be brought into action, for the fine work of Elmer Miller in the Yanks' outer works indicates that Marsans will have to go some to get the regular job if he does appear.

Had Trouble With Donovan

Baker had his troubles with Bill Donovan and was not playing with his heart last year. At least such is the story, and the present angle of the situation is that Baker is tickled to death with Huggins. In any event the Trappe wallop has started like a house afire, his old warlike deeds, dead work in the three opening games against Washington. In these games he scored or brought in nine runs and virtually won both of the Yankee victories with the willow.

In the opener against Walter Johnson Baker got two hits, which figured in the scoring of four runs by the Yanks. In a game which they won 5 to 2. In Tuesday's contest Baker's batting again was much in evidence, even though the Yanks did not win. He drove in the first run with a sacrifice fly and the second with a clean single, aiding in the next by waiting out a pitcher and advancing another runner to second base, from which place he scored later on a hit.

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TOO MUCH GOLF MEANS LOSS OF ENTHUSIASM, MUSCLE SORENESS AND CREATION OF BAD HABITS

Worry Is Followed by Tightening Muscles and Strokes Are Made in a Stiff, Awkward Fashion, Warns Chick Evans

By CHARLES (CHICK) EVANS

A NUMBER of people have written me various golf queries and I believe it would be well if today we devote our space to general questions which must have arisen in the minds of many.

Too much golf is as bad for a player as too little. Too much playing means a loss of enthusiasm for the game and muscle soreness, which easily results in establishing bad golf habits. Two rounds every other day is a lot of golf, and the average man can play up to his best form with less than this.

When you make an exceptionally good shot it is a good plan to stop and study how you did it rather than give way to your pleasure at the result. If more players would analyze a successful shot they could execute it with greater frequency.

Doesn't Pay to Worry

A good sportsman never shows elation when his opponent in a tight match gets into trouble or makes a poor shot. Golf etiquette rules against this. It goes without saying that the less one worries about the outcome of a match the more likely he is to play up to his best form. Worry and you inevitably lose the relaxed state necessary in good golf. When you worry your muscles tighten and your strokes are made in a stiff, awkward fashion.

A player who has mastered the principles of golf will find himself making better progress if his opponents are better players than he is. Naturally one strives to play up to the standard of

General Martin Asks That Fight Be Staged at Illinois Cantonment

St. Paul, April 19. Promoter J. C. Miller today received an offer from General C. H. Martin, commander at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., asking that the Willard-Fulton match of July 4 be staged at his cantonment.

The Minnesota Public Safety Commission held up negotiations here by refusing to issue Miller a permit for a bout until after an investigation next Tuesday.

The National Army camp offers a natural amphitheatre and pleads that the bout would be an attractive addition to its boxing program. In addition, "movie" films could be circulated more freely from the Government reservation than from other points more rigidly governed by anti-distribution laws.

Protests against staging the battle here continued to flow in today, but members of the commission say the matter will be decided solely on the question of whether the fight would hinder Minnesota's prosecution of war work.

Sports Served Short

Sergeant Earl Caddock, wrestling champion, won his match from Tommie Thompson in two straight falls at Sioux City, Ia. The first was won in twenty minutes with a body winnow and arm lock, the second in twenty minutes with a toe hold.

James Kelly, of Boston, who was last week elected coach of the Lafayette football team, was listed among the drafted men from this city who are to go to Camp Meade April 27.

Charles Mitchell, the hard-hitting left-handed pitcher, obtained by the Brooklyn club from Cincinnati last winter, has been drafted for service in the army at Camp Funston on May 1. An Governor A. A. Anderson also has been ordered to Camp Funston, the camp should have quite a ball team.

Walter (Dutch) Reuther, pitcher for the Cincinnati Nationals, was notified that he had been drafted for service by his draft board in San Francisco, Cal. He was ordered to report in San Francisco on April 29.

Garry Herrmann has received word that Eddie George has positively made up his mind not to join the Cincinnati club. George will remain at his home here, where he is in a railroad office and playing amateur football.

Ray Fisher, formerly of the Yanks, will be drafted for service by the War Department. He was notified at New York, where he had been playing for the All-American team in 1907 and 1908. He was unmarried.

Val's minor league teams have been notified by the War Department that they will be drafted in various places. The teams are: Philadelphia Athletics, New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians, Detroit Tigers, Philadelphia Phillies, and Washington Senators.

GREGG VICTIM OF HARD GAME

Holds Washington Team Almost Hitless Until the Ninth Frame

CONNIE STILL SMILES

Washington, D. C., April 20. Vean Gregg has arrived. He has "come back," make no mistake about that. Connie Mack has now only to build his pitching staff around the slender southpaw, knowing that the foundation of the corps is of the highest caliber, experienced and to be depended upon.

The first nine Griffmen to face Gregg perished in order. The Beet Shotton slapped a clean single to right center. That lone bludge was the total of the Washington wallop until the ninth, when, with his support tottering, Gregg himself weakened and allowed two more blows, just enough to decide the verdict against himself.

Needed a Little Luck

During the first three frames but one ball was driven beyond the Athletics' infield, Ayers drifting a fly to short center. In the first seven innings, counting Shotton's single, only five balls went beyond the infield. In the next two, however, the Griffmen succeeded in pounding six drives into the garden, two going safely to right field.

Had he been accorded any kind of support with the ball earlier in the game, or had a little breeze blown rather than against it in the eighth, Gregg would have broken in with a victory. Three hits, one walk and one strikeout in his record, that was the result Connie Mack today wears a smile.

Connie Is Satisfied

"If there had been the slightest doubt in my mind about Gregg, it disappeared yesterday," said Connie. "Showing that stuff on a cold, windy day is remarkable. When warm weather comes he ought to have an even chance for every game he enters. I know now that I have close to the best left-hander in the league."

The old soap-bone feels pretty good, grinned Gregg. "It was cold out there and I wouldn't have been surprised had my wing felt sore today, but it doesn't. I'm ready the next time Connie calls on me."

Morgan's boot of Gregg's roller opened the eighth. Kopp beat out a punt in front of the plate and Jamieson's walk filled the base with runners. Gardner perked to Shanks and Gregg dug for the dish. Lavan took Shanks's peg close to the plate and it just barely beat the runner. That was the closest the A's came to scoring.

Jamieson was on third and Burns on second with two gone in the first frame, but Walker broke the pinch. Shannan opened the second with a single and was stranded on third. Burns started the fourth with a single, but was run down on a delayed steal.

The Fatal Ninth

With one gone in the Griffmen's half of the ninth, Ayers drew the only pass handed out by Gregg. Shotton cracked his second safety, this shooting past Burns to right field. Foster died and the Red Shannan spilled the beans, furling Milan's bounce and filling the corners. Shanks looped a single to short right close to the line and Ayers came in with the lone tally. It was a tough way for Gregg to lose, but it had happened.

Elmer Myers or Scott Perry is due to climb the hill today for the A's, opening George DuMont or Harry Harper. Myers has always proved a stumbling block to the Griffmen, but Perry has never been seen here. Judgment from his work against the Red Sox, he should emulate Gregg's great performance of yesterday.

Larry Gardner looked great to-day, one real hit and performing acceptably in the field. His hitless 6-up of Shanks's steaming drive in the seventh saved of his old world's series stuff. He was the best man in the A's' infield.

Shannon Gets Nervous

Shannon was powerful with the ball, stepping into Doc Ayers nobly, but his nervousness proved costly in the ninth. Trying to make the throw before he had a grip on the ball, he blew all the chance for Gregg to win.

Kopp showed a pretty turn of speed when he beat out his base in the eighth inning. He was trying to sacrifice, but he speeded down to first.

PENNSYLVANIA'S SHOWING IN RELAY GAMES DEPENDS ON GUSTAVSON'S CONDITION

If Infected Heel Is Better Coach Robertson Will Use Him in Sprint Medley and Either One or Two Mile Teams

PENNSYLVANIA'S showing in the relay carnival next week depends almost entirely on Gustavson's condition. He is just getting over an infected heel and has had only a week's practice so far. He was a very good competitor prior to his injury, and if Coach Robertson can bring him around by next Friday, Pennsylvania will make a very good showing in at least two of the relay championships.

The loss of Landers, the captain of the team, through pneumonia was a big blow to the relay teams, but Davis or Irwin can very nearly make Landers' absence good. But Gustavson is needed both for the sprint medley on Friday and either the one or the two-mile on Saturday.

Coach Robertson has entered all six championship relay events, but every one realizes that in these times it is virtually impossible to round together six good relay teams. Most of the colleges are congratulating themselves if they can get out even one good team. Coach Robertson will, therefore, put his best men to the test in the sprint medley and either the one or the two-mile on Saturday.

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SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

HEADLINERS continue to feature the wind-up at the National A. A. and the clever cards show the painstaking hand of Matchmaker Herman Taylor. Again we have Lew Tendler, the fighting newboy, in the main bout, and if any boy in this city has drawing powers, it is Southpaw Lew. Regardless of the opposition, Tendler is certain to have many routers present.

Terry Brooks has been imported from Boston to help entertain Lew and the gathering tonight. Brooks surprised Eddie Wagon, the fans and even himself when he withstood the vicious Wagon assault for four rounds, then turned the tables and won in the final frames.

This same rugged Terry will be opposing Brooks this evening, and if he can stand up under a cutting attack of right stabs to the head, then he has some chance of coming out on top. Tendler is accurate and with a protected margin. In the main bout, the two boys have an excellent defense. Brooks must penetrate this to survive.

The semiwind-up will present two sluggers and it looks like action when these boys meet. The wind-up at the Cambria A. C. last night and again Herman Hindin's boy came out victorious, though not by such a decisive margin. In the main bout, the two boys went out in the third round; last night he remained the regulation limit, but absolutely refused to take any chance. His jaw was in the wall protected chance. His jaw was in the wall protected chance. His jaw was in the wall protected chance.

Preston Brown scored a knockout in one minute and thirty seconds over Frankie Rowan, of Milwaukee. Joe Phillips also was in the stopping habit, putting Pudge Lawrence, of Hawaiian Islands, to sleep in the fourth round. He dropped Lawrence's head three times before sending him off to the night.

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A brace of stellar waterweights will come together in the feature go at the Olympia A. A. on Monday night. The first introducer Johnny Griffith, of Akron, O., to the Quaker City gathering, and his opponent, the newboy, Johnnie Tilt. However, this will not mark the first meeting between these boys, as they met before sending him off to the night.

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